

Remarks

Applicant has provided new claims 44 through 53 to particularize the structure of the inventive countermeasure cartridge and distinguish it from the several devices illustrated in the references cited by the Examiner. None of the references individually disclose a vertical countermeasure launch system for launching a cartridge (or missile) that is trained only in azimuth by rotating the launch tube or whose trajectory may be controlled by a single canard.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the Application is now in suitable form for allowance and that the rejection of the Examiner based upon the cited references has been overcome. Reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested and a Notice of Allowance solicited.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned at 901-537-1108.



Respectfully submitted,

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ENCL.: 1) Corrected Figure 1 and mark-up

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Countermeasure

Main
Deck
(10)

Countermeasure

System
(12a)

System
(12b)

Aft
End
(16)

Main Body
(19)

Fore
End (4)

Fig. 1